

REMARKS**1. New Inventor's Declarations.**

As requested by the examiner, enclosed are new (substitute) Inventor's Declarations executed by the inventors.

2. Specification Amendments

In the paragraphs on Page 11, lines 5-13 and Page 15, lines 22-29, Applicant has deleted added in the Response filed in September 2003 and to which the examiner objected.

3. Claim Amendments.

Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

Claim 11 has been combined with Claims 12 and 13. As Claim 13 was deemed to be allowable if combined with its base claim (Claim 11) and any intervening claim(s) (Claim 12), Claim 11 is now allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled as redundant.

Claim 14 has been amended to depend from Claim 11 rather than now canceled Claim 13. No new matter has been added.

Claims 15-18 have not been amended and are allowable as they are dependent from Claim 11.

Claims 19-21 have been canceled. This makes moot the examiner's rejections under 35 USC 112.

4. Prior Art.


As Applicant has placed certain claims in condition for allowance by revising the independent claims to include the allowable subject matter, the cited prior art is moot. Therefore, Applicant does not believe there is any need to address the 35 USC 102 and Obviousness-Type Double Patenting rejections made by the examiner.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes it has fully addressed the examiner's concerns and the claims are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests such action.

If the examiner has any final concerns that can be addressed over the telephone, please have the examiner contact the below-signed patent lawyer of record to expedite the allowance of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,


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